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Campus pubs in jeopardy

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

On-campus pubs at Niagara could be a thing of the past.

The high cost of liability insurance forced the administration to drop its coverage for pubs, leaving the Student Administrative Council no other choice but to buy insurance to keep on-campus pubs alive.

"The insurance industry is reacting to increased claims and high rewards being awarded by the courts," Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, said.

The Board of Governors was expected to discuss the issue at a meeting at press time.

Last year the college had a blanket policy of $5 million which included coverage of pub nights, Mr. LaRose said. "This year, even without pub coverage, the college increased its liability insurance to $11 million."

COST HIGH

SAC became aware of the situation in August but spent more than a month trying to find an insurance company which was willing to sell it a policy, Anne Buller, activities co-ordinator, said.

"The insurance companies are very reluctant to sell any colleges insurance for pub activities," Anne said. "When you finally find one willing, the premiums are very expensive.

"Even then, we had to evaluate if we had the money in the budget to purchase the policy and we still don't know if the Board of Governors think we have adequate coverage."

The $6 million policy SAC is proposing will cost $4,750 for 1985. It insures liability in the event of an accident at pubs or any other SAC activity held this year.

"The cost of the policy has dealt our budget a severe blow," John Turner, SAC president, said. "We don't really have a choice. If we want pubs on campus, we have to pay the premiums."

If the Board of Governors does accept the offer, the first on-campus pub may be held Oct. 30, Anne said.

"If they reject it, we hope students will express their opinions on the issue so that we may make a decision on either to find the extra funds, or continue to hold pubs in local bars."

No live bands have been booked but tentative plans are "ongoing," Anne said. "It looks as though the first pub will feature a disc jockey if everything works out."

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SADD continues efforts

The Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) campaign at Niagara College which began last April is being continued this semester under the direction of Ken Winer, internal vice-president of the Student Administrative Council.

An alcohol awareness week is planned during the week of Nov. 18 to Nov. 22, and videos obtained from the Niagara Regional Police will be shown, Ken said.

Although the campaign is "in the infant stage right now," contact is being made with the Research Addiction Foundation and SADD headquarters in Massachusettes, he said.

Ken would like to initiate a designated driver program where an individual would be chosen as party driver with the co-operation of nightclubs in Welland. The party driver would drink non-alcoholic beverages.

The Aquaduck has agreed to get involved but all the details have not been ironed out, Ken said.

Surrounded by the power and splendor of the Niagara River, the timeless beauty of the Niagara Glen provides a breathtaking view to those who challenge its four kilometres of winding nature trails. Whether the day is spent there or just a few hours, the experience is always a memorable one.
Photo by Angela Colosimo

Need $2 million, but not available

At least $2 million dollars in equipment is needed at Niagara College, but the college cannot afford it.

"We can't do anything new or fund state-of-the-art equipment," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said last week. "The funding mechanism (for colleges) is not fair today's economic conditions." Colleges are not the government; they cannot go into deficit financing.

Funding is based on enrolment figures of the two years earlier and Niagara College grew the least."Consequently, our part of the pie is only one per cent more compared to last year," Miss Robarts said. In comparison "Georgian College in Barrie grew faster and got a 16 per cent increase." The amount of money allocated per student is not as much at Niagara as at a college with more growth, Miss Robarts said. She felt all students should be rated the same amount.

Niagara enrolment is down for several reasons. "Our potential for recruitment is limited," Miss Robarts said. The college is dependent on local students as only 15 per cent come from outside the peninsula.

HIGH SCHOOLS DECLINE

And with numbers declining in Niagara high schools, the numbers decline at Niagara college, she said. Recruitment of students is therefore limited to unique programs and programs with great reputations.

But getting all the students is not necessarily the answer, Miss Robarts said. It is not a good idea to have large classes and out-of-date equipment. Niagara College has always had reasonable expectations of graduates. This policy has hurt the college financially, she said.

Miss Robarts intends to talk to the minister of Colleges and Universities and bring this problem forward.

Although funding is scarce, the college dipped into its reserves for several projects. About $100,000 was allocated for renovations; the major one being the second floor Simcoe Building offices. Another $100,000 was invested in "state-of-the-art"equipment for various programs.

Students angered

Scheduling creates confusion

Some Niagara College teachers and students played a game of search and seek in the first few weeks this term as they tried to figure out their changing time tables.

Personnel in the registrar's office have been trying to correct the problem. "We do the time tables here, but we don't create the changes," John Parrett, registrar, said.

Changes can be necessitated by a drop in enrolment, a lack of classroom space or by teachers needing a change in their schedule, Mr. Parrett said.

At press time, it seemed that most time table problems had been sorted out but many students were upset that their time tables were changed two or three times in their first month of school.

Third-year computer engineering technology students just had the final changes made to their schedule Sept. 19.

"I don't see why it took a month to straighten the time tables around," Chris Evans, third-year computer engineering student, said. "We missed a week of classes because we didn't have a teacher."

There have been more time table changes this fall than there were last year, Mr. Parrett said.

"By the third week of classes, we hope we don't have any more problems. The people in the office don't want to be dealing with this term's time table as they start work on second term schedules in October."

One reason time tables changed was that two classrooms are no longer in use, Mr. Parrett said. "On commencement of classes, one room was taken out to be converted into a microcomputer room to better serve the students, and during the summer months, a room in the library was converted into a reference room."

One computer engineering class was changed because of the number of students in it. "Some kids were sitting on the floor along the wall because there was no other room," one student said. Students in third-year computer engineering also had to have a change made to their time tables in order to add a class that had been left off.

Giancarlo starts award

John Giancarlo, former executive dean and dean of applied arts, has established an award for excellence in English for Niagara College.

The Dean Giancarlo Academic Award for Excellence in English is designed "to emphasize the importance of good English usage, both oral and written," Mr. Giancarlo said.

"I am hoping that this award will motivate the students in their English studies," he said.

The annual award of $100 accompanied by a plaque will be given to the student who attains a high average, great proficiency in oral and written English, and a keen interest in, and knowledge of, world issues as shown through wide reading.

Great emphasis is put on English in every program at Niagara, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Enrolment is down

Enrolment at Niagara College has fallen 4.1 per cent this year, but it is a gradual decrease of two or three students across all programs, John Parrett, registrar, said.

Although student enrolment numbers were lower by 300 students in mid August, 150 more registered before classes began in September.

Full-time post secondary enrolment at Niagara College was 3,506 as of Sept. 9, down 150 from last year.

"We are still feeling the effects of the faculty strike last year," Mr. Parrett said. "There was a greater number of withdrawls because of it."

As of Sept. 13 Continuing Education had 4,131 students, 385 fewer than last year on the same date. "There are some changes to be made but total course registration figures will still be lower than last year.

Illegal parkers have had a reprieve but patience is wearing thin and those who persist in parking just so they are close to where they are going and in areas marked No Parking will be hit with $5 tickets. People using parking areas for the handicapped have already felt the sting of the bylaw officer's pen. October will see tickets issued to all people disregarding the parking signs.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

Student drop-out rate may ease pressure for parking lot space

Each year with the start of a new semester, Niagara College experiences a shortage of parking spaces.

This problem is compounded by students who park their cars in areas which are posted.

"The parking control bylaws are used to keep campus roadways free and clear to reduce the chances of personal injury," Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant services, said. "Safety is our first priority."

He said the natural student drop-out rate of 150 per year, by October, usually eases the pressure for parking space."

Comparing Niagara College's parking system to other community colleges in Ontario, Mr. Spittle said, "We have the best of both worlds with our first-come first-served approach to parking."

For the last five to six years, Mr. Spittle has asked for an additional 100-car capacity parking lot but has been turned down by the Board of Governors because of financial priorities.

Asked if the province could provide the necessary funds for an additional parking lot, Mr. Spittle said, "The province has not chosen to provide funds for additional space to date."

"When you have to choose how you are going to spend your limited dollars, whether it be for educational programs, maintenance or parking lot construction, you can see that parking lots have a lower priority," Mr. Spittle said.

BIG DAY

All thoroughbred horses' birthdays are on Jan.

Angry student takes car's licence plates

By JOE MCARTHY
Staff Writer

Some people misplace the darndest things. Chances are though, that you have never heard of someone's licence plates going for a walk into the registrar's office.

An exasperated student, whose properly parked car was blocked in by one improperly parked, removed the licence plates from the offending car and marched into the registrar's office, placed them on the counter and left the scene. The person who removed the plates remains unidentified.

A staff member from the registrar's office forwarded the plates to the office of property and plant services, where a phone call traced the name and address of the owner.

The young woman, whose car licence plates were now in Hennepin Hall, proceeded to drive home. While stopped for a traffic light, she was approached by the people waiting behind her at the light. They notified her that her car licence plates were missing.

"The plates have been claimed by the owner," Jack Spittle, manager of property and plant services, said.

Staff Sgt. Lightfoot, Welland Detchment, Niagara Regional Police, said, "No one may touch or remove something from another person's property. It technically constitutes a theft. It was a foolish act, even if there was no criminal intent."

Students experiencing similar parking problems should contact

Rock video may star student

Five potential video stars turned out for a rock video audition near the Hamilton Room Wednesday afternoon.

The 2½-minute video, an idea created by second-year RTV-film student Bootsie Sammut, will be set to the music of Toronto rock band Eyes. The video is to be filmed in St. Catharines and Toronto at the end of October.

Welland Vale seminar goes over successfully

An automotive mechanic seminar was held at Welland Vale campus to develop new programs in motor vehicle training that will give students experience in working with the most up-to-date vechicles.

The meeting held Sept.12 between the Ministry of Skills Development, representatives from the Motor Vechicles Manufacturers' Association and the faculty was to discuss "what should be done to meet the high demands of the future," Nelson Long, training consultant, said.

Updating of the automative mechanic apprenticeship program began during the summer and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The automotive manufacturers donated three vehicles, component parts, and the latest manuals and tapes.

"With this upgrading, we feel we can train the best students in the field," Mr. Long said. "We can also offer continuing training to the mechanics who have not been updated on the latest equipment."

The meeting gave the manufacturers, faculty and the ministry a chance to talk on a one-to-one basis.

It was the first time the automotive industries' representatives got together and focussed on this region as an area of concern, Mr. Long said.

"All in all it was a very successful meeting of minds to establish a path for the future. We hope this is the first of a series of meetings to keep our program up to date with the latest technological advances."

Representatives from General Motors of Canada, Chrysler, Ford, Volkswagen, American Motors, Toyota, Honda and Pace Car attended.

Blaze forces evacuation

A fire the evening of Sept. 16 destroyed two rolls of snow fence and forced the evacuation of the library. The blaze, which was quickly put out by members of the Welland Fire Department, was thought to have been started by local youths.

Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, said the school is on a direct link with the local fire department. "When the alarm is pulled here, it also rings at the Fire Department and they are here within minutes," Mr. Spittle said.

Should a fire ever occur during the day, instructors have been informed to herd students quickly to the nearest exit. Signs are posted in all the hallways showing the location of the nearest exit and the quickest path to it.

Mr. Spittle cannot recall a serious fire at the college while he has been here. "The last incident I can recall is a couple of years ago when some one rolled a cigarette butt underneath a janitor's closet door; there was a lot of smoke but very little damage."

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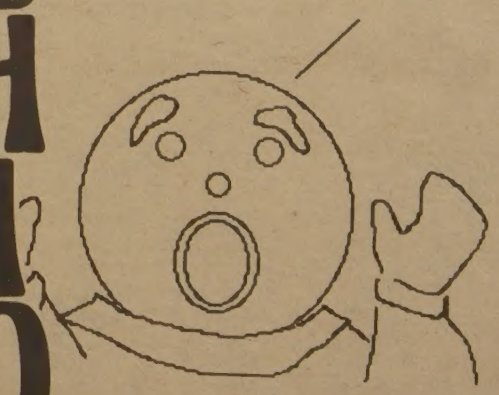

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The 1985/86 Student Administrative Council hopes to increase student participation and school spirit. Front row from left are: Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator; Joanne Lane, vice-president of finance; Sandy Kamphuis, vice-president of external affairs; Donna Flutur, secretary; back row: Tony Fischer, vice-president of athletics; Ken Winer, vice-president of internal affairs; Wayne Willis, executive vice-president; Ron Vahrmeyer, social convener. Some members of the executive were absent at the time of the photograph.

Photo by Wayne Nicholls

SAC goals: student awareness and greater participation rate

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

Increased activities and student participation are two goals the Student Administration Council wants to achieve this year.

"We need more activities to generate student involvement," **John Turner**, SAC president, said. John, 24, a third-year marketing student, wants a big screen television installed in the cafeteria so students can enjoy a movie or videos during lunch.

"That's my short term goal, John said. "My long term goal is to sit on the Board of Governors. This will allow me a vote on issues concerning students and give me the opportunity to work on various committees such as the student affairs committee."

Working with satellite campuses to establish a better feeling about the college is the first thing on the agenda, **Wayne Willis**, executive vice-president, said.

Wayne, 20, a third-year data processing management student, wants "class representatives to let students know what activities are offered around the college and encourage them to become involved."

Ken Winer, 23, vice-president of internal affairs, wants to keep the lines of communication open between the students and SAC.

"I want to have some good guest speakers come to the college and discuss topics of interest to all students," Ken said.

The third-year data processing management student is creating a review committee to look at previous years' election results. "The objective of the committee is to see if a better set of rules and regulations for running an election can be established."

As internal vice-president, Ken is also working to expand the Students Against Drunk Driving program.

Sandy Kamphuis, 18, vice-president of external affairs, will continue working on annual events such as the shinerama campaign for cystic fibrosis and the blood donar clinic.

The second-year industrial management student said, "These types of events are important when trying to build a good reputation within the community. They will give the college the kind of recognition it deserves."

Joanne Lane, 19, vice-president of finance, intends to inform students how their money is being spent.

Joanne, a second-year marketing student, will devise a plan to provide "monthly statements to students so they can see for themselves what's going on." on."

Tony Fischer, 20, vice-president for athletics, will be trying to encourage more students to become involved in school sports.

"Participation is the key word," the third-year electrical engineering technology student said. "There are intramurals for students who want to have fun during the double lunches and varsity teams for those who want to play more seriously. We will also be offering a wide variety of trip packages throughout the year."

Ron Vahrmeyer, 19, social convener, plans to work closely with the new activities co-ordinator to see if pubs can stop losing money. losing money.

"It's time to cut the losses pubs have seen in the past and begin experimenting," the third-year marketing student said. "I would like to see if moving the pubs to different locations, St. Catharines for example, would attract more students."

Anne Buller, activities co-ordinator, is the first to be hired off campus and will work to create more activities during the day.

Smaller events scheduled throughout the school year would be appealing to students who want to get more out of the activity fee they pay," Anne said.

JOHN TURNER

Anne also plans to visit satellite campuses to get students' ideas.

College students cover parade

Niagara College television broadcasting students provided the coverage of this year's Niagara Grape and Wine Festival parade aired Sept. 28 on local cable television, Paul Davoud, television broadcasting instructor, said. Taped coverage of the parade will be seen on CHCH-TV in October.

Simultaneous reruns of North America's fourth largest street parade will be broadcast 8 p.m., Oct. 4; 7 p.m., Oct. 10, and 3 p.m., Oct. 13, on Armstrong cable channel 12 serving the Niagara Falls-Welland and MacLean-Hunter cable 10 in St. Catharines, Mr. Davoud said.

Personalities from CHCH-TV will play host to coverage of the parade when it is rerun 1 p.m., Oct.13.

Buller: new Activities Programmer for SAC

There is a new face in the SAC office. It is the cheerful personality of Ann Buller, Niagara's first full-time activities co-ordinator. Ann is a graduate of public relations, a three-year course at Humber College. She was a member of the student government at Humber for seven months and served an internship for the Student Affairs Department as administrative assistant.

"It was like having two full-time jobs,"Ann, 21, said. During her time at Humber she did a history of Humber's SAC and took part in the preparations of a life appreciation banquet and a leadership conference. She also gave a seminar on college elections and constitutions and on how to run a successful program.

She is looking at her work at Niagara this year as an apprenticeship to her career and feels she could do well here.She has a nine-month contract for $15,000.

There are many exciting activities tucked up her sleeve and she will be racing the halls and visiting classrooms in an effort to spark enthusiasm into students. She believes the most important thing when it comes to student participation is to have an aware student body through personal contact.

ANN BULLER

GET INVOLVED

"We want to get people interested in what they're here for," Ann said. "Students need social interaction to be more successful."

There will be a giant Octoberfest party with Brock University at the Library, a Rocky Horror Film Fest at the Aquaduck, and a Fall Frost Festival during mid term "to give the students something light to do," she said.

Bowling was among the most popular of activities chosen by students in last year's SAC surveys. She hopes to organize a bowling league.

Students would also like to see pubs held outside of Welland. Ann is checking possible locations and hopes to try a pub in St. Catharines because of its central location.

"It will depend on turn-out and revenue as to whether we will be encouraged to hold more," she said.

She would like to improve interaction among Niagara's campuses. She is planning trips, such as a Quebec ski trip, and plans to promote these at the different campuses. One day a week will be spent at other campuses talking to student representatives.

Her main concern is the students realize that SAC is working for them.

"They're paying me," Ann said. "The student government works for them and they've got to use it."

Finish all courses or no graduation

Students who don't take the responsibility to ensure they meet all their program requirements should not be surprised when they don't graduate.

Every year at graduation there are students who to their "apparent surprise" have not met the conditions of their particular program to graduate, John Parrett, registrar, said. They have neglected to pick up an elective, or a subject failed earlier.

"It's an annual problem here and at every other college."

If students are unsure whether or not they will meet their course requirements, they can go to their program co-ordinator or the registrar's office to find out what they need to graduate, Mr. Parrett said.

There are also several rules printed in the student handbook that all students should be aware of. They explain class exemptions, what can happen when a student is caught cheating and how the student can appeal any charges against them.

It was decided this fall students will receive a document to show them what they need to graduate from their program, Mr. Parrett said.

"Niagara College does everything it can to help the students' quest for graduation but it's up to them.

Nurse Kerr suggests students ensure coverage

With the new school year here, students should make sure they are adequately covered by health insurance, Marian Kerr, Niagara College nurse, said.

Students under 21 are covered by their parents' OHIP, Mrs. Kerr said. "Once they have reached the age of 21 or get married, the responsibility becomes their own." Students have one month following their 21st birthday in which to obtain their own OHIP number.

Students from outside Ontario should check on how long coverage from their home provinces' health plan will continue.

Foreign students are advised to obtain OHIP or any health insurance covering medical expenses, she said. Foreign students are eligible for OHIP if they hold a current Student Authorization issued by Employment and Immigration Canada.

Health insurance application forms are available from the Health Centre. Students with low income may be eligible for premium assistance. Full or partial assistance is determined depending upon estimated annual taxable income.

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Editorials

Why us ?

Development, change and progress are words used in conversation concerning our future. We often speak of developments in technology and changes which are taking place in today's society.

Unfortunately, when talk is centred on the education system there is a lack of progress being made.

While the teachers are trying their best to keep up with the latest trends, colleges are constantly subjected to budget cut-backs. This forces students and teachers to work without items necessary for an up-to-date education.

If the money needed to teach today's students is reduced to much, there may not be a future for many of us.

And with Niagara College being one of the lowest funded colleges in Ontario, funding which is based on the enrolment records of two years ago, students here really have something to worry about.

The job market is competitive enough without us having to worry about inadequate funding hindering our chances of getting employment.

The first changes which have to be made are to the priorities concerning college funding. Once these changes have been made, teachers will be able to help students develop their abilities to deal with the progress being made in the world today.

L. Scott Hill

911 a must

A worthwhile service to communities continues to be installed everywhere in Canada. Everywhere it seems but the Niagara Region.

An emergency telephone service called 911 is being implemented through various parts of Ontario and Canada.

The program, initiated in Metro Toronto, allows the public direct access to local ambulance, fire and police departments.

Those of us in the Niagara Region must phone police headquarters in St. Catharines. If we are able to get through, we are then transferred to our local police station.

At a cost of about $1 million to install there are those who feel the service would not justify its price tag. A survey of 10 Niagara College students showed seven in favor of the program. Three had not previously heard of the 911 service.

Areas with the 911 service have responded positively, with Hamilton-Wentworth being the closest.

If the number of people in the peninsula wanting the service is a majority, there should be an obligation to provide it.

With time so often being a factor in success, 911 could be the difference between life and death.

J. Angus Gillespie

Bullpit

Pubs away best: Jackie
Save tradition: Scott

By JACKIE FOSTER
Staff Writer

Hip, Hip, Hooray!

I vote yes!

I couldn't be more pleased with the Student Administrative Council's decision to move pub nights off campus.

I, for one, have always dreaded the thought of returning to Niagara's campus to spend my night in the college cafeteria.

I have a difficult time relaxing for a night full of fun and excitement in the same surroundings in which I line up, tray in hand, waiting for my daily microwaved food.

By having the pubs in different locations adds to the interest and atmosphere unlike the the cafeteria which lea[illegible] something to be desired.

I congratulate SAC for seeing the light and allowing the students of Niagara College to enjoy the pubs without the constant reminder of that very day again in the evening.

There has been a cry for more student participation in campus activities for many years. One place the college students can get a chance to meet one another and to garner this unity is in the pub events which have been held here for years.

There is considerable expense involved in putting on these affairs, but isn't the expense a means to an end?

Having the students travel to who knows where to attend these pubs will not put the college foremost in their minds.

If there were to be a vote, forget the large screen monitor in the cafeteria and use the money to provide a standard tradition—college pubs on college turf.

and here's Scott

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

Where does the Student Administrative Council plan on getting any unity in the student body.

Letters to the Editor

Au revoir

To all Faculty, Staff and Students:

Thank you for making my workday a pleasure for the past seven years.

I treasure the friendships and the good times we had together. I will miss being at Niagara College.

Special thanks to the Niagara News for many reasons. Hope to see you in the future.

Ed Kerrigan
Vending Division
Niagara Frontier Caterers

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Focus On Fred Habermehl

'Doors open, close in life'

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Fred Habermehl has a cartoon on his office wall, the original of one that ran in the Niagara News a few years ago. It shows the dean being pulled between the school of health sciences and the school of technology. At the time, he had been named acting dean of the school of technology, while still dean of the newly-formed school of health sciences.

Multiple moves and multiple responsibilities are nothing new to Mr. Habermehl, who started with Niagara College in 1968 as an English teacher and accepted the post of dean of the new school of applied arts and health sciences this summer.

Each move and added responsibility allow him to add to his "skills base," Mr. Habermehl said, something he suggests students do as well.

Life Skills

"Job skills will get you that first job, but it's life skills and other qualities that move you up, if you've prepared yourself for other things," he said. "Prepare yourself personally, then go out and do what life expects of you."

"Life needs a generalist," Mr. Habermehl said. "The more general skills students have, the better their edge in the job market." He is a strong supporter of general electives, because they give students a broad base of skills.

General life skills and job skills can come from anywhere, not just a classroom. "Self-discovery is life," he said. Yet people should get all the education they can absorb.

Mr. Habermehl holds a master of arts degree from the University of Toronto and a bachelor of arts from McMaster, both in philosophy.

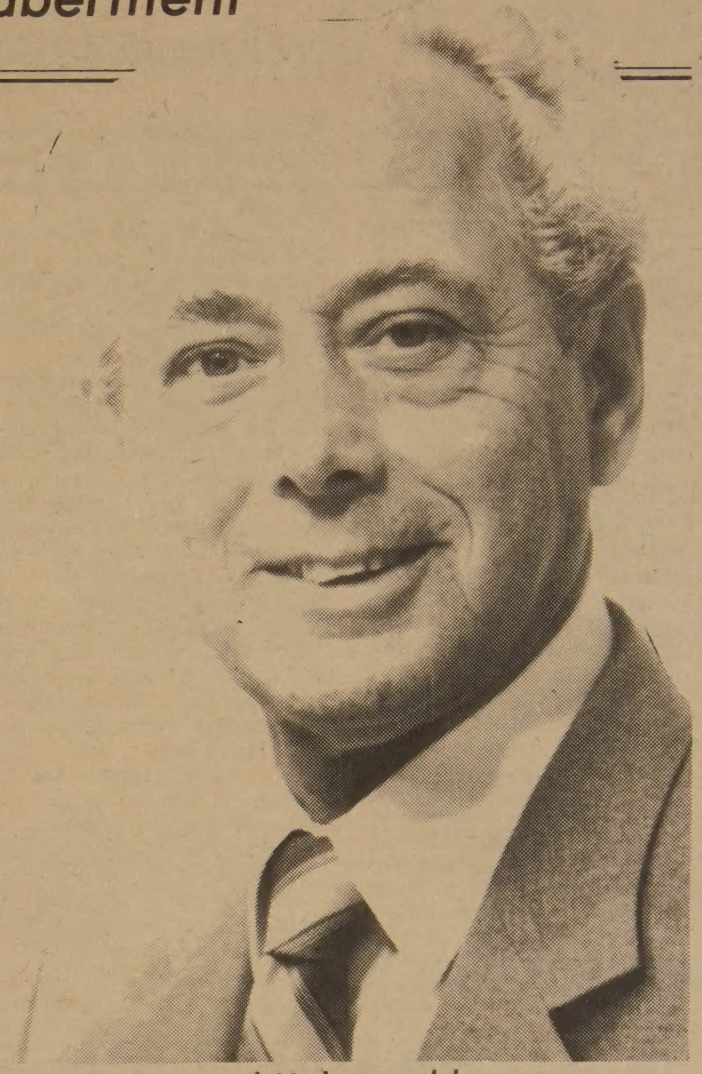
"Doors open and close in life," Mr. Habermehl said, and students should not be afraid to take a risk or move far away for a job.

Mr. Habermehl's "preparation for life" took him all the way to Bolivia for five years. After university his and his family went to South America with the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission, where he worked as an educator with the poor.

In 1964 Mr. Habermehl brought his family back to Canada, during a "critical" shortage of teachers. He taught English at a Niagara Falls high school for four years before coming to Niagara College.

Community colleges have a double-barrelled responsibility, Mr. Habermehl said: they should provide programs students want and programs for which there are jobs.

Niagara is successful in meeting those responsibilities, Mr. Habermehl said. Programs have a tendency to "congeal" but suggestions from advisory committees, new standads and instructors professional involvements have kept the programs one step ahead of industry, and kept student's skills in line with industry requirements.



Fred Habermehl

New tasks

In the school of applied arts, Mr. Habermehl's new responsibility, "everything and nothing" has changed. It is very much like a home-coming for him because many of the staff and faculty were here during his tenure as an English and philosophy teacher, he said.

As dean of health sciences, Mr. Habermehl branched out his interests, holding positions of provincial responsiblity on committees and on boards of governors.

In these capacities, and other professional affiliations, Mr. Habermehl has acted as liaison between Niagara students and employers, and fulfilled the responsibility he feels everyone has to their community's welfare.

Technology is an area of particular concern to Mr. Habermehl. While it is a rapidly growing field, many students are "scared away" from entering it because of bad experiences with math and science in high school.

Niagara's technology programs are "excellent," Mr. Habermehl said: they provide skills employers are looking for. Mr. Habermehl has been pushing "high tech people" — high technology preparatory programs — for a long time as a way to encourage students to enter technology. They have proven very successful, he said.

College education should do more than just produce technically proficient workers, Mr. Habermehl said. It should also improve the student's "thinking processes" and "ways of dealing with life."

Carol leaves for police

By HEATHER RITCHIE
Staff Writer

Carol Maguire, audio visual technician at Niagara College for the past two years, will be missed when she leaves Oct. 3 to start a new job with the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Department.

Many students will remember her as the slim, energetic woman who spent hours behind a camera snapping individual class photos so that instructors would have a contact sheet to identify students in large classes.

Ms. Maguire's job in media services includes a lot of photography and darkroom work, photo modifying, graphics and dubbing of video and audio tapes.

"It's been a good experience to work here," she said. "I'll keep in touch."

She'll be going out for a farewell dinner with her co-workers before leaving, and will have a week to move and get settled in Hamilton.

"I don't have mixed feelings; I'm looking forward to what's ahead," she said. "It's time to move on."

New division

The new job will require setting up close to $100,000 worth of equipment because it is a newly created division. She will be working with Tim Fletcher, a Niagara College radio and television graduate.

"There's room to grow; it could be good career-wise."

Ms. Maguire enjoys working with the police; she had a similar job at the Justice Institute of British Columbia when she lived in Vancouver. There she produced video tapes for police training in violence, fires and courtroom personnel.

Some people think that you have to go through police training to work for them, but it's not true, she said. They took her mug-shot and fingerprints and did a thorough check on her background, but she is a civilian employee.

Media course

Ms. Maguire took a media resources program at Capilano College in North Vancouver. She was trained to produce video tapes and any kind of audio visual educational material during the two-year course. After nine years in Vancouver, she came to Niagara College.

The opportunity to work for the police department in Hamilton came just at the right time. Her family lives there, and she feels it is time to move back. Her 13-year-old daughter has been living there with her grandparents since September to avoid a mid-term change of schools.

Thinking far into the future, Ms. Maguire has decided to retire in style.

"I figure I'll go back to Vancouver and retire independently wealthy by the ocean," she said.

But back to the more immediate future, Ms. Maguire said she would be hiring RTV people next summer, something Niagara College students might want to keep in mind.

And anyone interested in learning about the equipment in media services is welcome to drop in and ask, she said.

Wine tours

Popular at Festival

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

The crisp fall air carried the pungent aroma of grapes ripe on the vine. The miles of picturesque landscape retained a sense of agelessness despite a time of rapid technological changes in agriculture.

Vineyard and winery tours are a popular attraction at the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival. The 2½-hour bus tour begins at one of the local wineries.Here you observe modern wine-making process from the farmer's truck to the bottled product. Then you journey through grape country, observing ancient hand-harvesting traditions combined with modern technology.,

Barb Schwenker, the tour guide, is the wife of an area farmer and gave first-hand information about changes in the peninsula farming which have dictated her way of life.

The grape is Ontario's most valuable fruit crop with 850 growers in the Niagara peninsula. Ontario wines and brandies generate income exceeding $170 million a year for government treasuries.

"This is no longer a fun family farm; it is a deadly business," Mrs. Schwenker said.

The days of the stereotyped dumb farmer are over. If they want to compete, they need new technological knowledge taught at university levels. New ideas are shaking ancient tradition.

Land space has become a major concern for the farmer.

"If crop prices are going to continue to drop, farmers must produce more on the same amount of land," Mrs. Schwenker said.

Farmers have had to revert to hand planting to produce a more bountiful crop.

Conservation of water and of costly and sometimes deadly sprays has become a priority. Stems from the grape leaves are sent to laboratories to determine what sprays they require, eliminating unnecessary sprays and fertilizers.

The laboratory study will also determine what nutrients the soil is lacking. This deterioration of the soil after years of use and neglect has become a concern.

To save time and cut down on labor — Ontario's vineyards provide 16,000 full time and seasonal jobs — farmers have had to invest in costly machinery. Eighty per cent of grapes are now machine-harvested. The $125,000 Harvester, a monstrous machine, can pick about 10 to 15 tons an hour opposed to a good hand picker who can pick one ton a day.

Mrs. Schwenker is a member of Grape Growers Action Committee, made up of wives, mothers and daughters of grape growers. They believe that through promotion and wine-tasting, consumers may become more aware of their products.

Rapsey bids farewell, leaves for Australia

After nine years as program co-ordinator of the Niagara College Theatre Centre, John Rapsey has left to embark upon a new career in the film industry.

Mr. Rapsey has gone to Australia, where his brother works for Barron, a film company. He became interested in film work and worked as acting coach for the young people working on the film. The film was later nominated for 11 awards and won three.

Mr. Rapsey received a call to work for Barron in the summer, but the deal fell through. After a second call came for an associate producer, he resigned from his position here and has moved to Australia.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said that Mr. Rapsey had a "tremendous opportunity" to go to Australia, an opportunity that would not have been there later.

Mr. Rapsey gave a farewell speech to the students at the centre on Sept. 13, which was also his last working day.

Valerie Grabove who was acting program co-ordinator last year will be the co-ordinator this year.

Ms. Grabove feels that there is a positive change this year. The centre is in the process of hiring a professional director for their Christmas play, Old King Cole. In addition, a professional actress, Fiona McMurran, and Catharine Holmes, director of publicity for the Shaw Festival, will teach in the program this term.

Garden,park tours for Hort classes

Senior students of the ornamental horticulture program will visit the botanical gardens and parks of the northeastern United States from Oct. 6 to 13.

"Anually, for some years now, the students have taken a safari down to the United States," Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of horticulture, said. "The object is to essentially see some of the important nurseries, important estate properties and botanic gardens." Thirty-two students will make the trip with two instructors.

First stop is New York City, where the students will be able to take in some cultural sights as well as seeing the parks and urban forests of Harlem. They will pay a half-day visit to the New York Botanical Gardens, which Mr. Mansfield called "one of the finest botanic gardens in the eastern U.S."

From then on, there will be plenty of educational sightseeing in the tri-state area near New York: Planters Fields in Long Island, the estate where the Great Gatsby was filmed; Princeton Nurseries in Princeton, N.J., the largest privately-owned nursery in the United States; Independence National Park in Philadelphia, where the homes and gardens have been restored to the look of the 18th century; and Star Nurseries, in Willow Grove, P.A., near Philadelphia, the largest rose growers in the world.

Mr. Mansfield said one of the highlights of the trip is the full-day visit to Longwood Gardens outside Philadelphia, the largest botanical gardens in the U.S. The visit to the gardens, which were financed by the millions of the Du-Pont paint family, traditionally ends with a party involving students from all over the world.

The main purpose of the trip is "to expand horticultural horizons" of the students, Mr. Mansfield said. "It is not a note-taking trip...it will give the students a sense of perspective, a sense of scope."

The cost of the trip, excluding food, will be about $6,000. Funding is divided among the college, Student Administrative Council and the students who participate.

LOTS OF CHEESE

Cheese is one of the most nutritious foods known to man, and has been made in different forms for hundreds of years. Anywhere animals that require milking are raised, cheese is made.

Culinary art needs people

The basic apprentice cook program, at the Welland Vale Campus, is opening its doors to the public for the first time.

The assistant cook apprentices will prepare and serve a five-course meal under the supervision of Chef Albert Cipryk and Mary O'Laughlin, teacher, at 7 Tuesday evenings.

Students in the second and third-year apprenticeship program have been serving dinners at the Rainbow Centre under Chef Stan West for a number of years but it is the first time the first-year students will have a chance to "showcase their cooking techniques, Mrs. O'laughlin said.

There are 10 students in the first-year apprentice course. When they have completed 6000 hours of study, 5100 practical and 11900 in class, the students are eligible to write their journeyman papers, Mr. Cipryk said.

It is good practice and experience to cook for people who will appreciate it and it gives the student a chance to showcase their food," she said.

The dinner costs $8 a plate including tax. Reservations are necessary, and may be made by calling 684-4315, Ext. 432.

Survey sees growth in industrial trades

Projected growth in the industrial trades could mean more jobs in the Niagra Region over the next three years—if workers here are properly trained, according to a Niagara College survery.

Jon Ogryzlo, planning and development officer, said the first instalment of his department's five-part survey on the future of work in the Niagara Region shows that Niagara College is keeping its goal of providing employers with enough trained workers.

Machinists will have the highest growth rate in the skilled trades, expected to be 18.6 per cent over the next two years, the survey found.

Companies said they will need a large number of numerical controlled machine operators, a trade related to machinist, and more upgrading is needed to familiarize employees with computer equipment.

SOME SHORTAGES

The survery revealed a shortage of cabinet-makers and pattern-makers in the region. Employers suggested the college provide training in these fields.

Recruiting was cited as a difficulty by a number of companies, especially in tool and die making and machining.

The survey is being distributed to secondary schools as a counselling tool to promote skilled trades to young people, Mr. Ogryzlo said. "Few young people get into it right away."

Smaller companies reported a problem of apprentices leaving after completing their training, to join larger firms with better wage and benefit packages.

INTERVIEWED 800

Working with a $50,000 grant from Canada Works and the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Committee, the Where the Jobs are survey team interviewed 800 employers, including 271 for the industrial trades report.

The survery started last spring and should finish Oct. 31. It identifies human resouce requirements in the region until 1989.

Some unexpected benefits came from the survey, Mr. Ogryzlo said. It provided an effective public relations vehicle, promoting a spirit of co-operation between the college and the community, and some summer jobs came from employers who were interviewed.

This is not the first labor market survey done by the college, but it is the most comprehensive, Mr. Ogryzlo said. It was prompted by a request from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to provide labor market statistics and projections for the next three years.

Mr. Ogryzlo said the survery's outstanding response rate—90.3 per cent—is due to employers' interest in the college and the excellent work of the survey team, co-ordinated by Carol Johnstone.

50 student Reps meet

Fun was the name of the game for those class representatives who attended their first meeting with SAC on Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the Hamilton Room.

The atmosphere at the meeting attended by 90 people, 50 of whom were class reps, was informal, Wayne Willis, SAC executive vice-president, said. And student response was positive.

Wayne hopes to stimulate participation and keep class reps attending meetings by making the meetings fun. Last year, student response to the idea was so poor that meetings were discontinued.

Students will be able to keep their eyes on upcoming activities themselves by watching the bulletin board calendar set up in the foyer between the library and SAC office. October's activities are on the board.

Co-op programs will aid students

Three new co-operative education programs have begun this year by the School of Business-Industrial management, marketing management and personnel management-indusrial relations. Students will spend eight months of their six term program on the job.

The programs were made co-op to "keep up with the times" Erik Madsen, co-op counselor, said. "Co-op is a popular program, it is attractive to college candidates and has more to offer students in these programs."

Mr. Madsen is organizing special job skills seminars for co-op students aimed at fine tuning their job hunting skills. These students will aid the co-op student when applying for jobs posted through the co-op department and in finding placements on their own.

Second-year students will begin their co-op terms May 1 and will return next January for another term of school. "Students will be getting practical hands-on experience," Mr. Madsen said. "The work term may be viewed by employers as a probationary period."

Employers will submit monthly progress reports outlining the students work throughout the work term.

Skolnik report opens new vistas for Ontario's 22 colleges

The Skolnik Report is a "thought- provoking" analysis of the problems which led to last year's teachers' strike, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

The report, Survival or Excellence?, was released to the public in August and has been complimented by Niagara's Student Administrative Council president and the president of the local branch of the teacher's union. The teacher' union has yet to make an official in-depth statement on the report. John Turner SAC president said the student councils of Ontario's community colleges were to make a statement at the All-Presidents' Conference in London Sept. 27,28 and 29.

Miss Robarts issued a statement in August describing the perspective of the three-man committee who wrote the report as "refreshing...the Skolnic Report is thought provoking. It calls for major changes in the rules governing the way colleges have operated for the past 15 years. Nothing would please me or my fellow presidents more than changing the rules so that all of us in the colleges can play on the same team and so that educational priorities can take their rightful precedence."

The report is based on testimony of administrators, teachers and students. It makes several recommendations in the areas of finance, college management and organization, and collective bargaining.

CHANGE FUNDING

They include a proposal to change the college funding scheme. The present system bases a year's funding on enrolment figures of two years earlier. The report advises using 1980/81 as the base years for the projections of annual funding. It suggested the present system encourages colleges to keep enrolment up for the sake of not losing funding.

John Turner, SAC president, agreed that funding was one of the biggest problems with community colleges. "A base-year system for funding is needed," John said. "A system based on enrolment is not fair,"

His opinion was shared by Joan Hastings, president of local 242 of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union which represents the teachers. Funding "certainly needs revision," she said. We're very pleased to note the new minister, Gregory Sorbara, is doing a review of the funding situation. He's also going to appoint an individual who'll be looking after the governing of the colleges. He will be looking at the system as a whole, and individual colleges as well."

Miss Robarts had a different reaction. Whether college focus on spending "has been achived at the expense of quality of education students have recieved is debatable,"she said. "We must find ways of implementing those recommendations in the report which can be supported by educators, students, employers and taxpayers."

STUDENT EVALUATION

The committee found that the new teachers were not being given adequate training and preparation time to best fill their positions. John agreed, going one better. "I agree all college faculty should be provided with training or updating,"he said. "The student should have the right to evaluate the teacher. It provides the chance, if the teacher is not up to par, to update teaching methods."

He said the evaluations would not be "a personality judgment. That's the danger" with student evaluation.

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Hon. Gregory Sorbara, Minister
George R. Podrebarac, Deputy Minister

The Canadian Encyclopedia selling well across peninsula

By SANDRA KISH
Staff Writer

Mel Hurtig was told his encyclopedia project would be unsalable, but he has proven his critics wrong. The Canadian Encyclopedia is moving so well in the Niagara peninsula that many stores are sold out in little over two weeks.

The encyclopedia that cost $12 million to produce and complete was called a publishing triumph by Peter C. Newman and is becoming a publishing phenomenon here. Even the $100-plus sale price for the set has not been a deterrent. The hefty three-volume sets are so popular they have become impossible to purchase in some places.

Sold out

The Old Niagara Bookshop in Niagara-on-the-Lake, for example, is sold out. The proprietor is not considering getting more volumes at this time.

Davies Stationary in Port Colborne has only five sets left.

Coles the Book People in Niagara Falls have none of their 15 original sets left and do not know when the second order of 15 will be coming in.

Both Bookworld and Read'em Books in St. Catharines are sold out and are not planning to order more at this time. Beatties Stationary Ltd. in the city have none left in stock but can order them. Eaton's at the Pen Centre does not carry them in stock but can order them from the main warehouse in Toronto.

Classic Bookshops in the Pen Centre has 17 of 45 left. J. H. Raham Ltd. of St. Catharines has approximately eight left.

Coles, in both St. Catharines and Welland, have them and can order them from the main warehouse. As well, with every purchase they are offering another book free entitled Canada: Land of Dreams.

Free copies

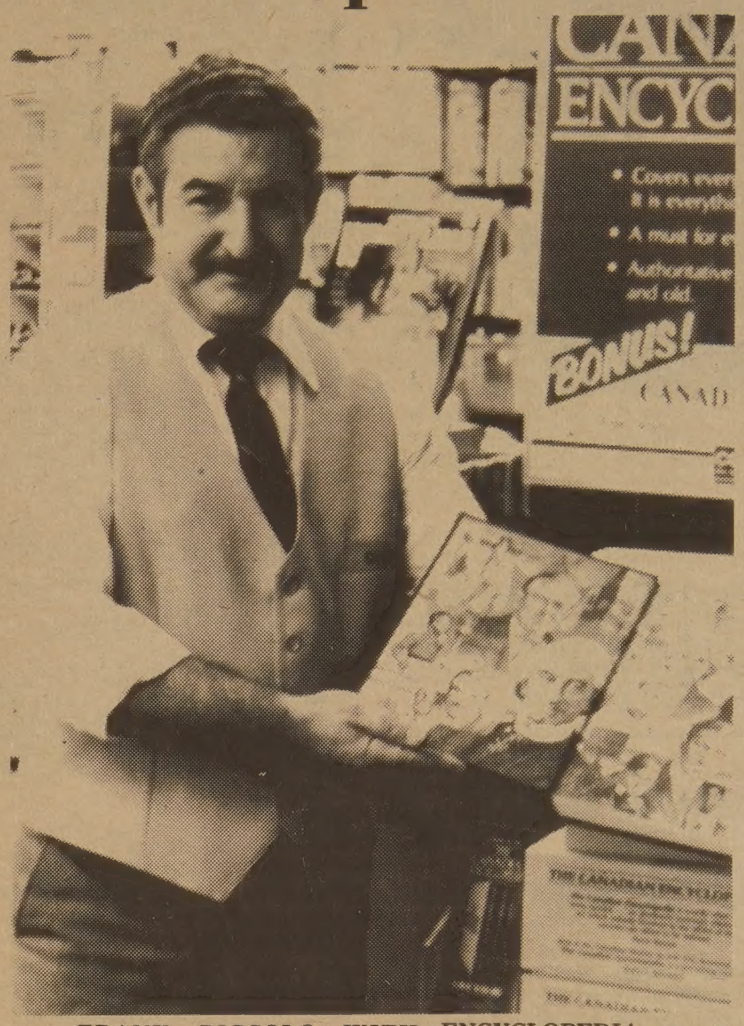
Even the libraries are getting in on the action. Although the Niagara College library was not contacted with such an offer, news media reports said the Alberta government would be sending a complimentary copy to every library and high school in Canada, but all the public libraries in the area have ordered their own.

The college library ordered a set two months ago but have not received it at present time. It is expected to arrive next month.

St. Catharines main branch has received four free copies from the Alberta government, one set for the central library and one for branches. A librarian, Kathy Cochrane, said that it has lived up to their expectations. It even has the date of Bill Davis' resignation so it is very up to date.

The Welland library is also receiving a free gift copy and has ordered one more set for its branch.

Mary Karpinchick, chief executive officer, at the Port Colborne Library, is waiting patiently for the library's one gift and two ordered sets to arrive. Even though the bookstores have had the encyclopedias for more than two weeks, the libraries are still waiting for their copies, she said. Complaints to the publishers bring no results.



FRANK PICCOLO WITH ENCYCLOPEDIA

"We have been banging our heads against that particular wall for so long, we stopped - it hurt too much," she said.

People who wonder if this encyclopedia set is worth all this publicity should consider these facts: 2,500 Canadians submitted the articles, among them, Pierre Burton, Roy Bonisteel, Farley Mowat, and David Suzuki. There are 300 full-color maps covering such topics as: treeline, mining communities, native languages, icebergs, and pipelines. There are more than 1,000 new topics not covered in Encyclopedia Canadiana. Some of them include: Order of Canada, U-boat Landings, astrophysics, Greenpeace, Haida, Joni Mitchell, and forest management.

Peter C. Newman summed it up quite nicely.

Here is the Canadian identity in over 2,000 pages.

Niagara is challenge for new librarian

PATRICIA LABONTE

Patricia Labonte has travelled far to be the new head librarian at Niagara College. Although she is originally from Fonthill, she was living in British Columbia when she accepted the post.

Mrs. Labonte feels that working at Niagara College is a "good challenge," and that she works with "super staff." "The faculty has been very receptive," she said.

Her position is mainly an administrative one which includes budgeting, working with the staff, and any internal problems that may arise. Mrs. Labonte, 35, is married and has two children. She says she has always wanted to be a librarian and feels that the people here have been very positive toward her.

Mrs. Labonte moved out west after graduating from Brock University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. She then attended the University of British Columbia where she got her Master of Library Sciences degree.

For three years she worked for Cominco Limited, a mining company. She then moved on to work for the British Columbia Institute of Technology as co-ordinator of public services for eight years.

While at the Institute, she set up a business with a partner, working part time in her home as an information consultant. The job provided companies with information they couldn't access themselves because they could not get into information banks and they needed research done.

When she came to the college, she didn't want to lose contact with the students so she spends some of her available time among the students helping them in any way she can.

SAC offers students Quebec, Florida trips

SAC and Proto Tours are sponsoring two trips to Quebec and a trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for Niagara College students this winter.

Students can ski down the slopes at Mount Saint Anne, Dec. 27 to Jan. 1 for $267, $75 deposit, or visit the Quebec Winter Carnival, Feb. 6 to Feb. 8 for $129, $50 deposit, paid by Nov. 1.

The accomodations for these two trips will be at the Auberge des Gouverneurs with facilities including an indoor pool and a health spa. Trips include transportation, shuttle to the parade or mountain and a five-day lift pass for skiers.

For those who would rather bask in sunshine at a private beach 1½ miles from Fort Lauderdale's main strip. SAC has set the date for Feb. 28 to March 7 at $359, $100 deposit. Students will stay at the Galt Ocean Mile and will be supplied with transportation by luxury coach and shuttle from the hotel to the strip. Organized events will take place to welcome all visitors.

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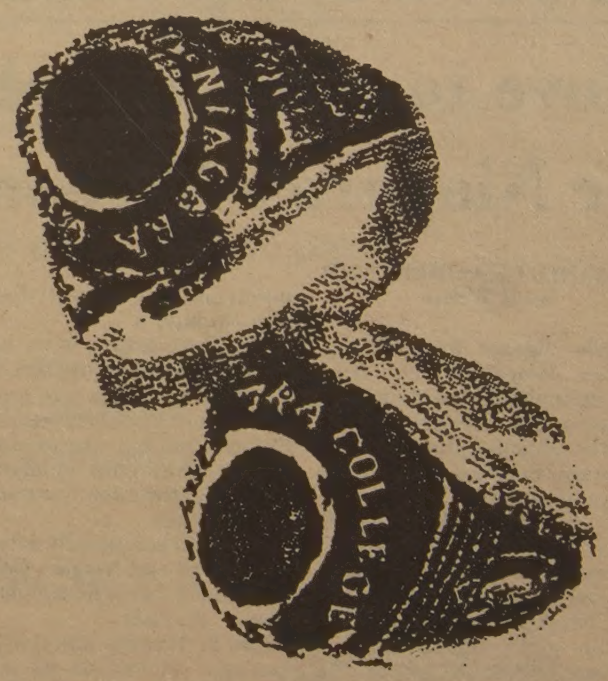

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NIAGARA COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

Busy place

The lobby in front of the college Resource Centre looked like Grand Central Station for many days after the beginning of classes as students hurried this way and that in search of books and classes. Timetabling confusion did not ease the problem as students roamed about from building to building, in many cases not sure for days where they were to go. Now that organization has come about and students have settled down, the scene, while still busy, is much more serene.

Betty Kuruziak leaves Welland Vale behind

By STEVE FORBES
Staff Writer

BETTY KURUZIAK

Enlightening, challenging, demanding, sometimes worthwhile and sometimes not. This is the way Betty Kuruziak describes her six months as Senate president at Welland Vale Campus.

"I've seen a lot of students come and go and seeing the students participate in school activities makes my job seem all worthwhile," Betty said.

At age 40, Betty hopes to find a job after finishing her machine shop course in November although her main goal is a Grade 12 education.

Betty was involved in the organizing of many school activities during her six months as Senate president. The most rewarding was last year's Christmas party.

"We had a Santa Claus, doughnuts and orange juice for the students' children. All 150 children received presents and seeing their eyes light up was a sight that I will remember for a long time."

She was also involved in a slave day which raised $300 for a Cleft Lip and Palate organization and a car wash for cystic fibrosis that raised $180.

Along with Kevin Madere, vice-president, Betty helped build a recreation area where the students can play horseshoes and volleyball.

ALL OUR OWN

"For $3,000 it may not look like much now, but it is the only place we have and it's all ours," she said.

"When I first came here, I was really down on myself and I thought that I could not have been the only one. After I became president, everything I did, I did for the morale of the students.

"If you have been out of school for a number of years, this is the place to come. This is a family type of atmosphere. We are all struggling to improve ourselves; that special bond keeps us together."

TIES WITH SAC

Betty has also tried to improve communications with the SAC members at the Welland campus.

"We want students at the main campus to know that the students here are part of the school and that we belong just as they do."

"John Turner, SAC president, is a very unique person with a lot of good ideas. I hope the next senate will continue the work that we have done to improve inter-campus relations."

"The senate was so successful because of the fantastic help I had from my executives. Marg Huffman, secretary, was an important person and a great help. I could not have done it without them."

"I learned responsibility and how to work with others. I have seen a lot of people come and go; seeing their attitudes change made me feel as though I had done my job. I am going to miss the people who made me feel needed.

IEEE student wins science award with anechoic chamber project

By ELAINE TROJAN
Staff Writer

An A+ on a science project would be considered an an accomplishment by most ambitious people. For Tom Earle, a 1985 graduate of the computer electrical electronics program at Niagara College, this was not enough. The technical report he submitted to the 1985 IEEE Canadian Region Student Papers Competition won him first place Palin Memorial Award, a lifetime membership in the IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and was instrumental in landing him a job at Westinghouse of Canada Ltd.

Tom designed a computer controlled anechoic chamber for the testing of antennas. Equipped with a large wooden box, a $99 color computer and $2,000 worth of radio wave absorption material, he put together a device that could test the efficiency of radio and TV antennas without outside interference.

He presented the report at the 10th Annual Technical Report Night sponsored by the Niagara College student chapter of the IEEE last April. It was submitted to the Canada-wide competition and he was notified in July that his was one of the award winning papers. He will present a summary version of his project at Electronicom '85. The International Electrical, Electronics Conference and Exposition to be held in Toronto Oct.7, 8 and 9. His award and certificate will be given to him then.

NOT NEW

The project is not an original idea. Chambers such as the one Tom designed have been used before, but on a much larger scale. It was originally intended that the project occupy an entire room, but the radio wave absorption material would have cost close to $15,000 for something that size. Even though Tom had to settle for a scaled-down model, the chamber still earns the distinction of being the first one built locally.

Computer control, microwaves, and microelectronics are the buzz words of today's technology, and Tom employed all these aspects on a low budget. He built the hardware and wrote the sofware that made it possible for a $99 computer to perform a sophisticated function.

The chamber is being used to teach students about antennas and their testing.

Move to ministry job for Niagara's Vigeant

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

Nicole Vigeant has been appointed co-ordinator of francophone affairs for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. She had been the administrator of French Language Services at Niagara College since 1979.

As part of her duties which began Sept.9, Ms. Vigeant will allocate funds for six designated bilingual colleges in Ontario, of which Niagara is one. She will help develop and promote French language programs across the province.

During Ms. Vigeant's last two years at Niagara she was in charge of International Education in addition to her regular duties. Of her position Ms. Vigeant said, "It's similar to what I did at Niagara, so I'm not too lost." "The way the ministry works is new to me, so I'll have to find my way through it."

"The francophone world across the province is a small one," Ms. Vigeant said, "so it was easy for me to learn of the job opening." She said the days spent waiting during the summer holidays for news after the interview were not quite so easy.

"I'm still emotionally attached to Welland and Niagara College, and I still refer to Niagara as home," she said.

Life in Toronto has its disadvantages as well as its advantages, Ms. Vigeant said. On one hand there is an hour's drive to work compared to a five-minute drive in Welland. On the other hand the big city has a wide range of restaurants and boutiques for the lunch-hour wanderer.

Ms. Vigeant's final comment was, "Say hi to Niagara for me!"

Give honors to faculty at breakfast

A tradition has been started at Niagara College. College employees with 10, 20, and 25 years of service will be honored.

This year 320 past and present employees qualified to receive recognition for 10 years of service. They were honored at a Welcome Back Breakfast for all employees Aug.29, and received a personalized pen, Jacqueline Robarts,college president, said.

In an effort to provide a communication vehicle for all college employees, the breakfast was held "to give everyone an update on what has happened over the summer," Miss Robarts said last week.

Past board members, new board members, and new staff as of January were introduced. And Gregory Sorbara, new minister of colleges and universities and skills development, attended.

It was a "really good start for a new school year," Miss Robarts said.

Next year about 20 employees will reach the 10-year mark and in 1987 about 20 others will have 20 years of service.

Consequences of OSAP fraud serious for students

Consider the consequences. This is a message the Ministry of Colleges and Universities is sending to students receiving Ontario Student Assistance Program benefits warning against OSAP fraud.

In a memorandum to all financial aid administrators, Douglas Anderson, manager of verification, said, "In today's economic climate, employment prospects are bleak enough without attempting to enter the job market saddled with a criminal record."

In 1984 all cases brought to court received convictions and stiff penalties. "They're finished as far as we are concerned," Mr. Anderson said. "they will never get our help again."

To emphasize the seriousness of the situation the ministry has requested the prominent display of reports outlining penalties handed down in seven recent court cases. They involved students who accepted grants after leaving school, misrepresentation of parental, summer or other incomes and, in one case, the fraudulant altering of figures on an OSAP loan document.

Penalties included fines up to $200, suspended sentences of one to three years, probation of one to three years, up to 175 hours of community service and in all cases restitution.

Interest above prime rate

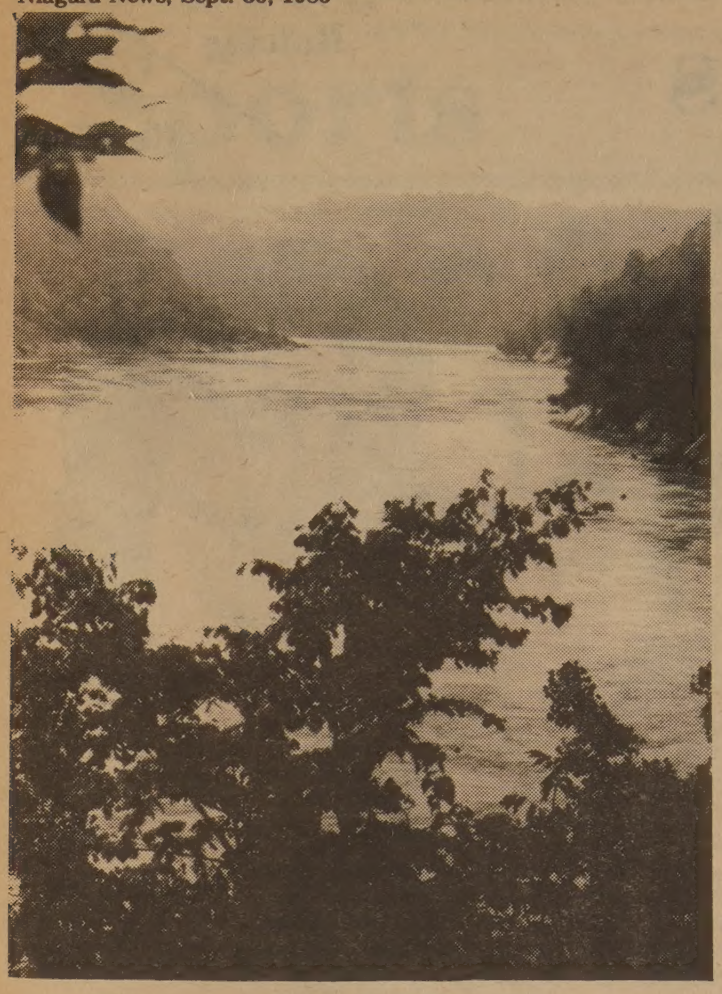
If you think the interest rate on Canada or Ontario Student Loans beats regular interest rates by a long shot, think again.

A news release from the student awards branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities tells a different story.

The cost of Ontario Student Loans is a fluctuating one per cent above prime rate. Every time the prime rate changes so does what is paid on Ontario Student Loans. Canada Student Loans are calculated yearly according to the yield of government bonds. In August 1985 this translated into a 12.25 per cent interest rate, the release says.

The maximum repayment period for Ontario Student Loans is 78 months - 6½ years. The repayment period for Canada Student Loans can range from 36 months for loans up to $1,500 to 114 months for loans of $6,000 and over, the release says.

However, a consolidated Canada Student Loan of $12,000, calculated at 12.25 per cent over 114 months, with payments of $180 per month would result in the eventual payback of $20,500.



The mighty Niagara

Winter will soon freeze her.

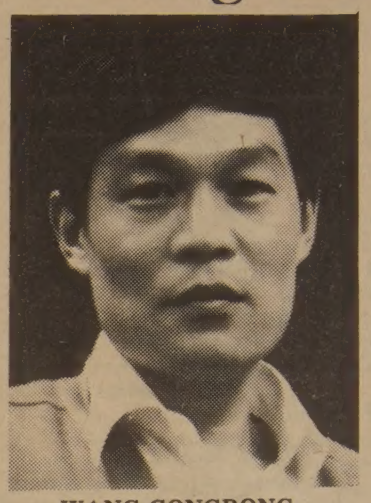
Chinese instructor at Niagar. learns new management strategy

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

The next 20 months at Niagara College will be a time of business, pleasure and more business for Wang Gongrong, a management training executive from central China.

Mr. Gongrong, 37, is enrolled in the college's business administration program as part of a co-operative agreement between the governments of China and Canada. The main goal of his term at the college is to acquire a knowledge of Western management techniques so they can be incorporated into the Chinese business sector.

As head of the management training department at the Canada-China Management Training Centre in the city of Chengdu, Mr. Gongrong teaches managers of factories and enterprises across China the most advanced management techniques, as well as overseeing a department of managers, teachers and interpreters at the centre. Mr. Gongrong said that since the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1976, China has been on the road to economic reform. The road to reform is one which leads away from the Soviet system of marketing introduced by Chairman Mao toward the system of Western countries.



WANG GONGRONG

situation, and they say, 'We should change this situation...we should learn advanced marketing.' "

The Soviet system of marketing is "planning-oriented," Mr. Gongrong said. "The central government decides everything." He said that in a planning-oriented system, a statistical bureau is responsible for investigating the demands of the people. The bureau forecasts how much of a particular product the people of a province will need in the coming year, and the forecast is submitted to a senior officer in the central government. The senior officer then delegates which factories in the province will be allowed to manufacture the product, and how many units each factory will be allowed to produce.

Mr. Gongrong said the "marketing-oriented" system of Western countries is more direct. "It is quite different from the Soviet concept. The Western concept depends on customer demand." There is no need for a statistical bureau or government delegation of production.

Mr. Gongrong is one of 22 Chinese teachers and interpreters who have come to institutions affiliated with the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. The educational visits are the first stage of a two-stage project aimed at advancing Chinese knowledge of Western technology, marketing and business. The second stage, scheduled to begin after this year, will allow the Chinese teachers to teach part of their course of study.

In return, Canadian teachers have been trekking over to Chinese training centres. "In recent years, group by group of Canadian teachers have come to Chengdu to advise, consult and lecture, and bring many books to the training centre," Mr. Gongrong said. The books are translated into Chinese for eventual use at the training centres. Mr. Gongrong estimated that five million books and materials have been translated to date.

reform

"After Chairman Mao, the new officers of the central government wished (to have) economic reform occurring in China," Mr. Gongrong said. "Economic reform means we must introduce advanced technology and advanced equipment as well as advanced management."

He said Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and the republic's central government have been important promoters of reform. "The central government realizes the

Studio 1 converts to color $9,500 in renovations

Studio 1 in the radio-television department was converted to color this summer when $9,500 was spent in renovations.

Tony Adams, operations supervisor for the media department, said new inventories at the studio consist of $6,300 in color monitors and a $3,200 vectorscope, a device used to graphically observe the performance of color during its transmission to the television screen.

Obsolete black and white cameras dated from the early 1970's and were in serious disrepair, Paul Davaud, television instructor, said.

Larry Taylor, program co-ordinator, said repairs to this equipment would have cost about $4,500; an additional $5,000 would make the conversion to color possible.

The program has had color facilities in Studio 2 for some time.

Weight Watchers program trims staff and students

Niagara College is going to have a Weight Watchers program to assist in trimming those extra pounds gained through the summer months.

The same program was held last year. This year Marian Kerr, college nurse, would like to see more students involved.

The program is eight weeks long at a cost of $50 for staff and $35 for students, Mrs. Kerr said. Weigh-ins will take place in the Health Centre in the Lundy building. Classes will begin Oct. 15. The room number is not yet known.

"I wish more students would get involved; last year we only had two," Mrs. Kerr said. The program must have a minimum enrolment of 20.

Robotics

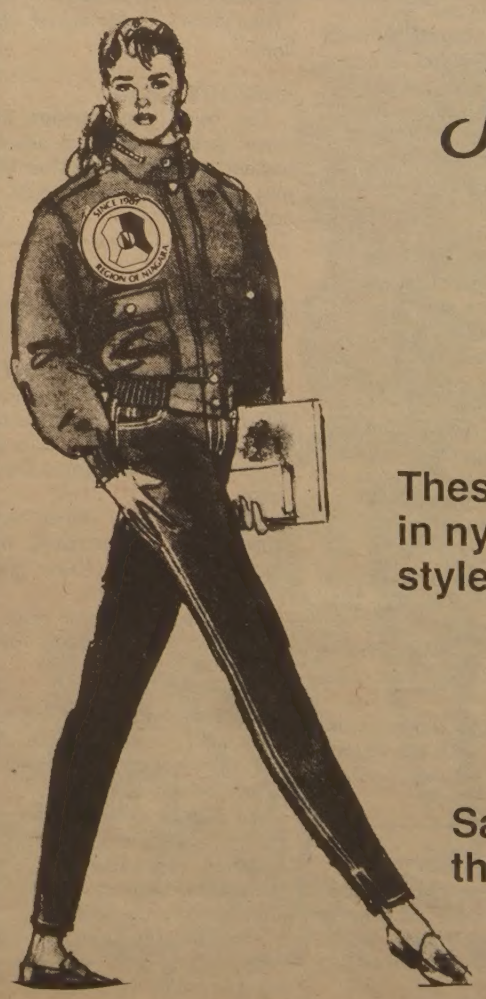
A second pitch to provincial government is in the planning stages for a computerized robotic system priced at nearly $1 million, Nick Ciolfi, program co-ordinator, mechanical technology, said.

The system, known as a Flexible Manufacturing Centre (FMC), is an advanced programmable computer twinned with multiple robotic arms capable of a variety of tasks demonstrating the potential of automated production facilities, Mr. Ciolfi said.

The principles of the FMC are applied by Seiko in the manufacture of watches from the initial stage of design to the shipping of the finished product. The substitution of automated devices for human labor translates into lower costs of production, making the finished products less expensive and competitive in the marketplace.

Envisaging the FMC as the wave of the future convinced the mechanical technology department at Niagara College to make application for it last year, Mr. Ciolfi said.

The system received two levels of approval from the provincial government before the Liberal government took over, Mr. Ciolfi said. A less expensive proposal is being drafted by the mechanical technology department in the hope of expediting stalled negotiations.



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Sports

Rowing / *Baseball*

Niagara instructor wins Masters rowing

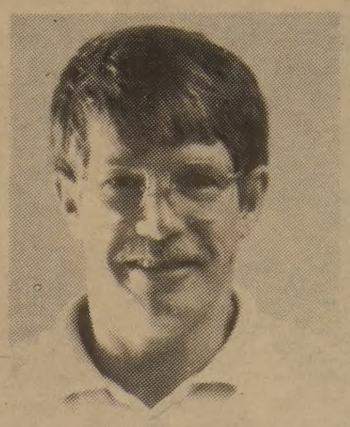
By BRIAN TRACY
Staff Writer

John F. McIntyre, instructor at Welland Vale Campus and former Olympic oarsman, won two divisions at the World Masters rowing competition held in Toronto this summer.

Mr. McIntyre and the other members of his crew captured the cox four 38 to 44 years old division as well as teaming up with four Americans to win the eights, 38 to 44 years old division.

Earlier they had participated in the World Championship FISA Veterans Regatta winning three divisions: cox four 32 to 38 division, cox four 38 to 44 division and the eights (along with their American partners).

The five-man team of Mr. McIntyre at second seat, Rich Symsyk at bow, Wayne Philbrick at third seat, Rick Crooker at stroke and Bernard Stout, coxswain, row for the St. Catharines Rowing Club.



JOHN McINTYRE

ONLY SUCCESS

They formed to compete in the 100th Henley Regatta in 1982 and have had nothing but success since. In 1982 they won the Ontario and Canadian championships.. In 1983 they won the Henley and the U.S.A. Masters held at Lake Placid, New York.

In 1984 they competed at the World Championships in Belgium, winning the 32 to 38 to 44 years old cox four divisions. In doing so their time was the fastest for all divisions.

Mr. McIntyre, a native of Grimsby now living in St. Catharines, has taught mathematics and English at Niagara College "for 15 years or so." He was part of the Canadian National rowing squad in the World Championships in Yugoslavia in 1966 and at the Mexico Olympics in 1968.

During these years his team had been defeating other Canadians, Americans, Australians and New Zealanders, but they were unfortunate at the big events, Mr. McIntyre said.

In 1966 their bowman was involved in a car accident before the World Championships. In 1968 one of their members suffered with bronchial pneumonia during the event. This bad luck was very disappointing, Mr. McIntyre said..

COACHED AT RIDLEY

After these he stopped competing for more than a decade,and instead coached at Ridley College in St. Catharines.In this time the school won five Canadian School Boy Championships titles.

Not until 1982 did Mr. McIntyre get back into competitive rowing. The team now trains through the winter, getting on the water in May. They train four times per week as their working schedule permits.

The World Masters in Toronto held good competition, Mr. McIntyre said. Included in the meet were teams representing Canada, West Germany, Great Britian, Holland, the U.S.A., Australia and others. Unlike the World Championship FISA Veterans regatta where the winner of each heat was awarded a gold medal, at the World Masters in Toronto the team had to win heats, as semi-final and then a final before taking a division. "This limited the number of events that we could enter," Mr. McIntyre said. Even so they did win in two divisions.

A reconsideration is now in store for the team. "There is nothing really left for us to win now," Mr. McIntyre said. "We plan on taking the next year off and then discussing what to next. As well, all the time spent training and competing makes it difficult on our families."

The Warriors are victorious! Top row: Marc Hardy, Bill McCormick, Alex Tacinelli, Chris Toole, Joe Baldassi, Ron Pouliot, Lesley Hildred and athletic instructor Mizette Critelli. Bottom row: Kim Janzen, Tony Celli, Melanie Rattray, Helen Tritchew and Aida Estevao.

Photo by Heather Ritchie

Warriors battled to victory undefeated in lunch league

The Warriors took the 1985 intramural co-ed baseball title 10-7 in an exciting championship match against the Cops on Thursday.

Both teams played well, but the Warriors held onto a lead achieved early in the game. They left the field after the top of the last inning since they were up to bat and already had the advantage.

"We should play the Blue Jays next," shouted one jubilant Warrior as they trooped back to the gym for the medal presentations.

Mizette Critelli of the athletic department honored each team member with a medal, saving team captain Lesley Hildred to last.

"I picked the best out of our class," Lesley, a first-year law and security student, said. "Everyone's experienced in the field."

SERIOUS TEAM

The team was serious about winning, she said. They practised instead of watching other teams play and knew what they were doing.

A few Warriors were enthusiastic about playing together in future intramural competitions.

Play leading up to the championship game began on Sept. 19. Four teams entered the league and were guaranteed two games with the double round elimination set-up.

Miss Critelli said seven teams signed up for the league, but only four showed. This happens every year because students have other commitments.

"Intramurals are meant for participation," she said. "It's recreation; we don't want anyone to go out and kill themselves."

Miss Critelli runs intramural softball, badminton, slowpitch, indoor baseball and women's volleyball. Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander organizes intramural tennis, golf, basketball and men's volleyball. Intramural floor hockey, ice hockey and football are run by Fred Bassi.

Seahawks, Clams play football

The men's intramural football season has been divided into two divisions which are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In first week action, the Seahawks won a default game over defending champion Buckaroo Bandits 7-0 and the Old Nights, made up of faculty members, defeated the B52s 6-0.

Games played on Thursday had the Bearded Clams winning 22-0 against Gilligan's Lawless, AEC upended Silver Creek 12-0 and the Technobobs were shut out by Lasa Verdict 1-0.

Last Tuesday's results had the Stain Gang handing the Buckaroo Bandits their second loss 6-0 and the Seahawks improved their record to 2-0 by shutting out the B52s 13-0.

On Thursday AEC lost a close game to LASA Verdict 1-0, Gilligan's Lawless lost 7-6 to Silver Creek and the Technobobs scored a 6-0 victory over the Bearded Clams.

The season is expected to go on through October, with the championship game scheduled for Oct. 31.

LARGEST COUNTRY

Canada is the world's second largest country with an area of 3,815,809 sq. mi. Russia is the largest with an area of 8,649,821 sq. mi.

Sales are up

Blue Jays items hot

While the Toronto Blue Jays are riding high on their command of the American League East pennant race, there are many others who are gaining from the team's success.

Oli Brock, manager of All Pro Sports, in Niagara Falls, sells sports paraphernalia. "Blue Jay items are selling really well," Mr. Brock said.

"The fans really like the game styled jerseys," he said. "We're the only store in the area that sells the authentic jerseys"

Unlike the types of T-shirts that are available in most stores, these jerseys have all the letters and numbers sewn on.

"The other types of shirts are only imitation," Mr. Brock said. "Those ones only have the rubber iron-on lettering."

Customers who come into the store are buying everything they can with the Blue Jays logo. There are sweaters, different types of hats and buttons of every size.

"When the Blue Jays are hot, it's hard to keep things in stock," he said.

Along with the jerseys, hats are another hot seller in the store. There are two types of hats available, the baseball cap, which is usually cloth, or the plastic batting cap. "The batting caps are mostly for the kids," Mr. Brock said. "When the kids go out to play T-ball or something, they like to wear something with the Blue Jay crest on it."

Because all the Blue Jays jerseys are custom made, it can take six to eight weeks to get one.

"The peopl we get here are very understanding about the wait," Mr. Brock said. "We explain the situation to them and do the best we can."

The store also provides the college sports teams with their uniforms and has offered students a 15 per cent discount on any purchase.

OCH, LADDIE

Kilts are native to France, not Scotland.

Golf team places fifth

The Niagara College golf team placed fifth out of nine and team member Adrian Viney had the second lowest overall score at the Georgian Invitational in Barrie on Sept. 20.

Niagara's four scores totalled 363, only two strokes behind Mohawk and three behind Georgian's A team.

Conestoga College was first with 335 and Durham followed with 350.

"Adrian played well," athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander said. "He took a two-shot penalty on the 18th hole, or he would have been tied for the lead."

As far as Graeme Hennessy, Bruce MacGregor and Pat Delaney are concerned, "all of them could do better; they should shoot below the 90s."

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association golf championship was played in Kitchener on Thursday and Friday, but no information was available at press time.

OPEN COURSE

Mr. Rylander said it would be an easier course to play because it is more open. The Barrie course was difficuilt with lots of woods and hills.

"I'd like to finish in the top four," he said. "Conestoga will be the team to beat."

Durham also has a good team, but "after that, it's up for grabs."

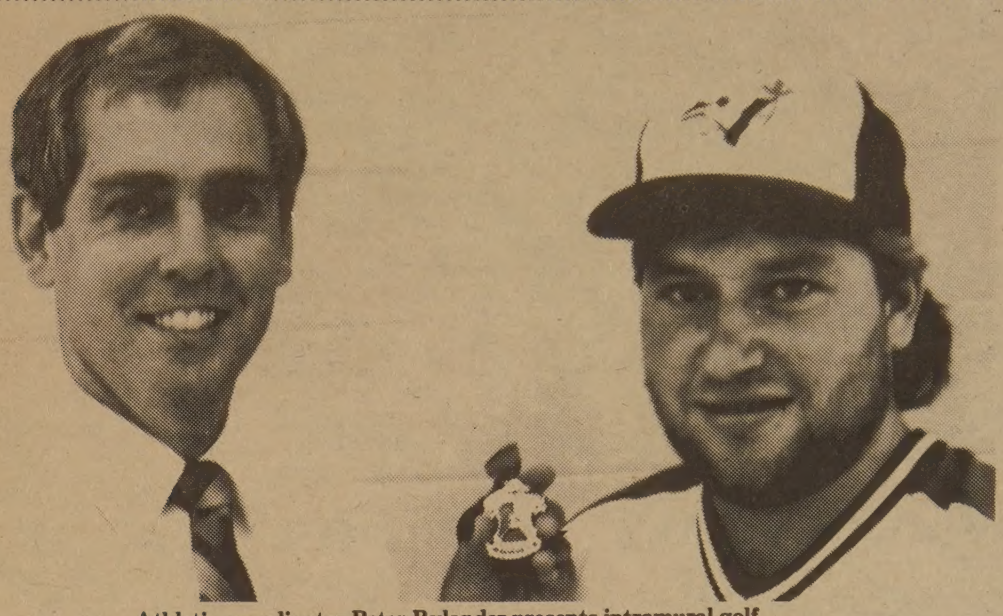
Niagara's golf team was chosen after two games at Willo-Dell Golf Course, Niagara Falls. The winner of the first round became the intramural champ, and those four with the lowest scores for both days became the team.

There are usually about 25 out for the intramurals, Mr. Rylander said. This year only a dozen showed up.

"It's an expensive sport."

Sports

Golf / Soccer



Athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander presents intramural golf award to Graeme Hennessy, the champion.
Photo by Heather Ritchie

Five-stroke lead wins intramural golf title

Graeme Hennessy, 24, was awarded the intramural golf medallion by athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander after beating eight Niagara College golfers at the Willo-Dell Golf Course, Niagara Falls, on Sept. 12.

Graeme won the round by five strokes with a 79 gross score. Bruce MacGregor followed with 84; Rick Kocsis, Greg Dougan and Tom Schier tied at 86. Adrian Viney and Mike Simoneau pulled in close behind with 87; John Sciarra and Pat Delaney were last with 90.

"I was playing well and had an advantage due to the fact that it was my home course," Graeme said. "My short game (chipping and putting) is my strongest point; if anything, I have to work on my long game (driving and fairway shots)."

Graeme has been playing golf for about 10 years, and has whittled his handicap down to 10.

He is now in the second year of a three-year co-op industrial management program. Thinking back three years to when he was in the law and security program at Niagara, Graeme said he tried out for the golf team but didn't make it. As the alternate, however, he got to play in the tournaments because one of the team members backed out.

Wins golf

George Sinclair, a machine shop student at Niagara College, won the first Welland Vale campus golf tournament held Sept. 7 at the St. Catharines Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament, a one-day 18-hole event, organized by George, had 28 scheduled paricipants including students and instructors.

"There wasn't any tournament before, but I wanted one," George said. "I approached student president Betty Kuruziak about it and she told me if I wanted a tournament to go ahead and try to organize one. So I did."

George won with a low score of 77. Second place was captured by college instructor Carl Yeager with an 82 and third place was a tie between machine shop students Glen Dilts and Mike Gibson seven shots off the pace. Top woman finisher was Welland Vale student president Betty Kuruziak, followed by Donna Wood.

The prize trophies were contributed by the student senate which also made partial payment of the green fees and contributed to a barbeque after the tournament.

Machine shop instructor Ken Booth shot a hole-in-one on the 153 yard, par 3, 17 hole, lending some respectability to the tournament, George said.

Closest to the pin holes were won by Mike Gibson and George Sinclair.

Bowling

Students got what they wanted. A survey taken by the Student Administrative Council in March showed that bowling was one of the more popular requests, so SAC has organized a league to begin Oct. 7 at Bowl-O-Rama.

"We just want to give the students what they want," SAC secretary Donna Flutur said.

The college can have the lanes from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. any weekday, so those interested can choose the most suitable time. The bowlers will also decide whether to play five- or 10-pin games.

There could be one or two sessions, but the league will last from now until the end of the year, she said. Again, the students will decide on the length and number of sessions.

SAC hopes to award prizes at the end of the league.

New soccer complex looking for business

By ANGUS GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

The Welland Soccer Club is a unique establishment in the Region of Niagara with its soccer dome.

What was nothing more than grass and trees on Rice Road last year is now the site of the Region's first indoor soccer dome.

Ed Fox, mathematics instructor, Niagara College, has been a club member for 10 years and is the club's treasurer.

Mr. Fox said the club organized bingo tournaments for more than three years and managed to raise more than $80,000 towards construction of the complex; the building, government grants included, cost about $1.5 million.

There was an attempt to initiate a Niagara College intramural program last year, but Mr. Fox said student response was low.

The complex which is on a 30-acre plot will have seven outdoor fields and two indoor dome fields upon completion. Now there are two outdoor fields in use with a third smaller one, used for practising.

QUICKER GAME

Indoor soccer is much quicker than outdoor. Boards four feet in height surround the perimeter of the playing surface which is 200 feet by 90 feet. The boards behind the goals are 10 feet high and the peak height of the dome is 48 feet.

A special artificial surface called omni turf is used. It is put directly on top of a clay floor and 80 tons of silica sand were spread over the carpeting to make a soil-like surface with grass.

The lights are fastened on a concrete base. Light rays shoot up almost vertically to the roof and then reflect down on to the playing surface.

Heating works through a forced air support system. "The pressure indoors is equivalent to about one inch of water more than outdoors," Mr. Fox said. The normal temperature in the dome is about 55 degrees fahrenheit, but cold winter weather last year caused the temperature to drop to a low of 40 degrees.

SUMMER WORK

Mr. Fox and Tony Goss, also a Niagara instructor, often worked 40 hours a week this summer to further the progress of the unfinished complex. "It will take five years to totally finish the dome and its attached facilities." Mr. Fox said.

Registration fee is $560 for a 14-game schedule going from October to December or January to April. With a team of 15 players, registration would be under $40 per player. The fee pays for lights, heating, referees, trophies and medals.

Last year about 80 teams used the dome. They included leagues ranging from squirt up to junior B as well as senior teams from around the peninsula.

A senior men's invitational tournament was held in February, with teams coming from as far as Windsor, Toronto, Sudbury and Ottawa.

Sports classified

INTRAMURAL BADMINTON

Sign up today by 3 p.m. Games start Oct. 1 and continue to Oct. 10.

INTRAMURAL CO-ED INDOOR BASEBALL

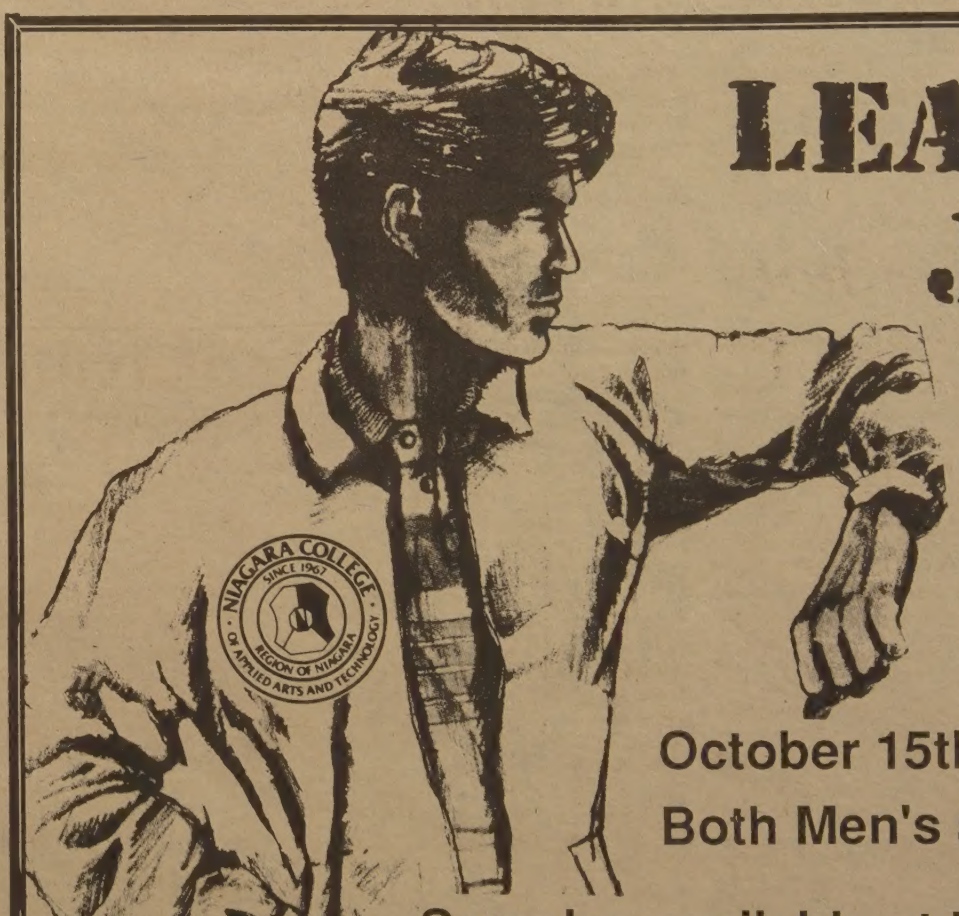
Register by 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11. Play starts Oct. 15 and ends Oct. 24.

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

First meeting and practice today at 5:30 in the gym.

HELP WANTED

Student managers are needed for men's and women's basketball and for men's hockey. See athletic co-ordinator Peter Rylander in the gym about duties and wages.



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AT THE NIAGARA COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, and Fred Habermehl,dean of applied arts and health sciences, snip the ribbon to officially open the new offices provided for applied arts instructors in the Simcoe Building. The previous "offices" were in an open concept and offered no privacy for instructors and students seeking assistance and guidance.

Brand new offices, faculty are pleased

The redesigned applied arts offices are complete aside from some missing door knobs.

Jacqueline Robarts and Fred Habermehl, new dean of applied arts and health sciences, officially opened the offices Sept. 19.

Faculty are "happy to finally have them built" and "very pleased" with the work done over the summer by plant and property and interior design faculty.

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said faculty had complained for several years of noise and lack of privacy in the open-concept area. Former dean John Giancarlo was very active in promoting the idea of re-design and finally convinced administration to make the changes last spring before he retired.

Instructors now have their own offices and a reception area was formed to curb a problem of people walking through the area.

Mr. Spittle set a "very rough estimate" of the cost at $40,000. Work started in June and finished at the end of August.

Mr. Spittle said the door knobs will be installed "as soon as the computer at the knob company spits them out."

Garden ceremony for health care grads

Students from the health care aides and hospital orderlies programs at Niagara College received their certificates of graduation during the summer months.

Twenty-one health care aides and 16 hospital orderlies who successfully completed their programs received their certificates at the rock garden at Mount Carmel.

Suzanne Little and Mike Stoop were class valedictorians.

The hospital orderly program is a retraining program sponsored by Canada Employment and Immigration Centre and conducted by Niagara College.

Representatives from Greater Niagara General Hospital, CEIC and Niagara College were on hand to express congratulations to the graduates.

The twenty-one health care aides honor graduates were: Sandra Anger, Dawn Arseneault, Brenda Case, Denise Dakin, Patricia Darnay, Natalie Demers, Pauline Dignard, Darline Fazekas, Phyllis Hausse, Nina Hussey, Sheri Ivanny, Carol Krawchuk, Patricia Matthews, Donna McCuthcheon, Sandra McKinnon, Martha Overholt, Delores Southcott, Dorothy Turner, Geraldine Westhouse, Marilyn Wegston and Suzanne Little.

The 16 hospital orderly graduates were: Jim D'Angelo, Robert Glencross, Marty Hallas, Charles Leppert, Jonathon Marr, Daniel Martin, Bill MacSweyn, Malcolm MacQuarrie, Joe McCafferly, Safar Osman, Donald Partingtin, Mike McChesney, Gilbert Mooney, Steve Rusin, Darryl Shoenfeldt and Mike Stoop.

New vendor

The quality of food is one of the main priorities of Versa Foods, Niagara's new catering service, Iris Duckett, cafeteria manager, said. She invited comments and suggestions from students and staff.

The Toronto-based catering company has been awared Niagara's food service contract for the next three years.

Niagara Frontier Caterers had provided food services at the college for 11 years.

Of about 16 cafeteria staff members last year, the cook was the only one who did not resume employment at the college this year with Versa.

Fitness deal shapes up

Fitness buffs can get in on the action this year at the YMCA. Student Administrative Council has once again struck a deal with the Welland YMCA to offer full-time Niagara students full memberships.

Students are required to show their identification cards and may enjoy all YMCA facilities and programs except the weight room. An additional $25 must be paid to use the weight equipment.

The YMCA offers aqua-fitness, synchronized swimming and women's and co-ed aerobic classes this fall as well as its regular fitness and swim classes.

Gerontology program teaches special needs

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

Anyone who has been close to a grandparent or any older person knows the happiness they can bring to your life. The elderly are an exceptional group of people who have special needs as they grow older.

Nancy Cain hopes her students can learn to fulfill these needs.

Mrs. Cain teaches the Gerontology and Working with the Aged programs at Niagara College one night a week.

The programs are designed for people already working with the elderly, to enrich their skills and enhance what they already know.

NANCY CAIN

It is a common myth that old people are disregarded by their families, Mrs. Cain said.

FAMILY ROLE

Families play a large role in the lives of their elderly members. It is important for the elder person and the family to understand and accept changes in a member growing old and to accept their eventual death.

Students design programs tailored to suit individual needs to help the elderly and their families understand the normal changes of aging, psychologically, physically, and emotionally.

PLACEMENT IMPORTANT

Field placement is an integral part of both the Gerontology and Working with the Aged programs.

Students work one-on-one with the elderly giving them clinical experience in institutions for the elderly and in the community. It puts into practice the theoretical components of the course.

The students help develop their own field placement based on what they want to accomplish, Mrs. Cain said.

"The range of field placement is only limited by the student's needs."

Some students choose to work with a palliative patient and continue to work with the family after the patient's death. Others become involved in family support groups in which an elderly member is suffering from Alzheimer's or some other disease.

"I love my job," Mrs. Cain said. "The students are so enthusiastic and dedicated to their work."

Continuing education new focus on change

With 500 courses offered to more than 4,000 students in 101 different locations this semester, Niagara College's continuing education department is much more than a night school

"Actually the flyer represents only about half of the total activity co-ordinated by the department," Gail Hilyer, director of continuing education services, said. "We offer three different kinds of courses."

Some are described in a flyer delivered to homes throughout the region, a course calendar listing more than 400 evening programs. Others are offered directly to industry or organized at their request.

Post secondary courses taken for credit allow students to work toward completion of certificate or diploma requirements even though they can't attend school full time. These programs also allow day students to pick up additional or missed credits in the evening.

IMPORTANT PART

Upgrading credentials is an important part of this section of programming. Advances in technology and higher job requirements demand courses keep up with the pace of change.

"One of the college's main responsibilities is to provide continuing education for changing job skills," Ms. Hilyer said.

Workshops and seminars are an expanding part of continuing education services. This year 28 such mini-courses are listed in the calendar with others offered directly to the corporate and business community.

The final and perhaps best known area of continuing education services is the general interest group of courses. Everything from coaching to beer-making, from CPR to photography, are offered. They require anywhere from one to 14 weeks to complete.

In 1984 continuing education had 2400 registrants. "Considering the regional population we can see this represents a large percentage who take advantage of what we have to offer," Ms. Hilyer said.

A full cup!

The problem of quarter cups, half cups and no cups of coffee that frustrated college caffeine lovers during the first few weeks of school has been solved.

"The problem was the spout that the coffee flows through was one eighth of an inch short causing the coffee to run down the side of the cup," Stu Russell, division manager for vended and manual food service, said.

"The spout was designed for an eight-ounce cup while the machines are stocked with a nine-ounce cup."

All the machines have been serviced and the problem has been solved.